

## Wins High Navy Award



DR. EDWARD H. VICK, of 323 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, receives the Bronze Star Medal from Rear Admiral Ralph S. Riggs, USNR, commandant of the Philadelphia Naval Base at ceremonies held last Friday at the Base. Recently discharged after serving two years as a lieutenant junior grade, Dr. Vick received his citation for heroic service during the capture of Okinawa in April, 1945.

## Officer Wins Award

Dr. Edward H. Vick, of 323 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, who was recently discharged from the Navy after two years' service, was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic action at the Philadelphia Naval Base last Friday.

The award was made for action against the enemy April 2, 1945, when Dr. Vick, then holding the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, was serving with an amphibious unit at Okinawa.

Text of the citation is as follows: Heroic Action Cited  
"For heroic service in connection with operations against the enemy on April 12, 1945, while serving as division medical officer for a division of amphibious craft during the assault and capture of Okinawa."

"On this date his ship was attacked by seven suicide planes, three

of which struck the vessel. With the second deck flooded from the hits, Lt. (jg) Vick treated the wounded men on the open deck while the ship was under strafing from suicide attacks, and in one case quickly moved his patients away from the point for which one plane was headed, and at which it crashed.

"Later in the same action, when transferred to another ship with the same division, he treated the survivors of another vessel while under continued attack by other planes."

Saved Many Lives  
"By his outstanding professional skill and courage in the face of combat conditions, he was responsible for saving many lives and contributed materially to the success of the amphibious operation."

"His conduct and courage throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

A graduate of the University of North Carolina and Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Vick will open offices at his residence December 1.

THE SPECTATOR...

## Can Narberth Raise \$50,000 For A New Veterans' Center?

There is no one quickly available at this dictation who can say exactly why borough veterans took a walk on memorial plans which were being discussed for Narberth. The men of the Legion could tell the story in specific manner. A fair surmise would be that the project in question was intended as a general community center and the veterans' part in it was not regarded by them as of an adequate order. Not being able to get what they needed from the official idea (if such it was), the men back from the war decided to travel on their own and try to establish quarters which would correspond with their formula and over which they could exercise exclusively veterans' direction.

This outline may be lacking in complete accuracy, but it is believed to be essentially correct. In any event, one no longer hears of a War Memorial for Narberth, but plenty is now being said about a building for veterans and the best means of making it an actual reality.

This Borough needs, as does every other American place worth its salt, the active civic and social interest of men whose concern and solicitude for their country have been well attested by direct encounter with the things of war. They shall assert no more rights than any other citizens, but their experience would be ill-acquired if they fail to bring its lessons and its reflections to home tasks which now confront them and which present, at least for the next decade, probably the most arduous lap the nation has ever traveled. The world crisis will be of long travail.

The men in these parts must merge in the pattern which is now forming all over the land. They must have a central point, a place to gather, a place to meet, a place of leisure, a place to act as capable hosts of the community they seek to serve. That service can be of numerous features, not the least of them being a clearing house of authentic information and (why not?) the opportunity of town hall debate on the many questions bound to arise in the confusing years ahead.

Our veterans have said they will accept the challenge. They are anxious to get on their way in a definite manner. There can be agreement that their hand-box quarters in the Community Building will not suffice for the substantial chores that lie before them. There is also need of attracting more men to membership. Hundreds are still outside an organized fold. Some have had enough of war and seek no present part in veteran activities. That understandable attitude will change as time goes on and the nostalgic urge comes to join forces once again with old comrades. Useful headquarters will unquestionably stimulate cooperation in an impressive manner. Particularly will this be so when there is evidence of worthwhile things being attempted.

It is not proposed to have the new building owned or operated by any one of the nation-wide organizations. There will be a separate local corporation whose charter will call for participation by all veterans of Narberth, and its environs, irrespective of the group to which they are otherwise attached. It is estimated that \$50,000 will be required. That means contributions, benefits, an active period of money-raising. The effort will indeed provide a testing time for Narberth.

This article was in type before The Spectator conferred with the Executive Committee of the Harold D. Speakman A. (Continued on page 2)

## Santa To Arrive By Helicopter

Members of the Lower Merion Junior High School Band will escort Santa Claus from the parking lot in Suburban Square to his throne in Strawberry and Clothier's Store at 12:30 p. m., Friday, November 29.

Santa will arrive this year in an S-51 Sikorski helicopter, to save his tireless reindeer for their strenuous duties Christmas Eve. His arrival will be marked by free candy and pennants.

St. Nick will reign in Ardmore every day from the day of his arrival until the day before Christmas to take orders from the younger generation for their Christmas presents.

## Offer Plans To Replace Old Bridge

Plans drawn up by engineers of the Pennsylvania Railroad to improve the Narberth Ave. bridge were submitted to members of the Narberth Borough Council at a meeting Monday night.

The plans were turned over to the Borough Planning Commission for further study.

The plans call for a steel and concrete structure, with asphalt paving to replace the present modern bridge. An additional four-foot sidewalk will be built on the east side of the new bridge. There is only one walkway on the west side now. The new roadbed will be at least six feet wider than at present.

Eliminate Grades  
Construction of a vertical curve on the deck of the new bridge will aid in eliminating abrupt changes in the grade caused by the present flat surface of the bridge.

The railroad will not spend the approximately \$38,000 for needed repairs until after the plans have been approved by members of the Planning Commission.

Work on the bridge will not start, at an event, until this Spring. The repairs will be made entirely by railroad workmen. The bridge will be kept open during the three or four weeks necessary to complete the work, railroad officials said.

## Town Talk

... A Column of Chatter About People and Places You Know.

By DOROTHY M. OGDEN

One of the most interesting community projects about which I've heard recently is the organization of the Bala-Cynwyd Community Concerts Association by George W. R. Kirkpatrick, principal of the B. C. Junior High School.

He was telling me something about it the other night, and it seems that there is an agency in New York which books well-known communities throughout the country.

This will be the only series of its kind on the Main Line, and subscription tickets will go on sale (\$6.00 for adults, and \$3.50 for students) at the Bala-Cynwyd Women's Club following an organization dinner there Monday night. Mr. Kirkpatrick emphasized that this is not a school affair, but a community one, despite the fact that the concerts will be held in the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High's auditorium.

Sounds like a wonderful opportunity any way you look at it, and incidentally, he also said that when the subscriptions are sold, each person will be asked his favorite type of concert. That way there will be no one type predominating.

When the Ardmore-Narberth Selective Service Board moves to Bryn Mawr December 1, to share office space with the Bryn Mawr Board in the War Memorial Building, it will be right next door to Dr. J. Allen Rogers' Veterans Service Center. Guess you know that Dr. Rogers' organization is supported by Township funds, and that Narberth's Jim Barnett is his assistant. The Township has appointed its Gladwyne Commissioner, E. A. Stuebner, as liaison officer.

Mr. Stuebner, recently discharged as a Colonel from the U. S. Army, has done a great deal to help publicize bad housing conditions in the Township.

Guess that is about all for this week. See you here, same time, same place, next week. Bye for now.

## Charges Zone Law Broken

Resident Says Garages House Businesses

Charges that the owners of the row garages on Hampden Ave., Narberth, are violating Borough zoning ordinances were made to the Narberth Borough Council Monday night by Mrs. E. W. Marshall, who lives at the corner of Grayling and Hampden Aves.

The charges followed a report made by W. S. Thompson, chairman of the Council Highway Committee, stating that a survey showed that correcting existing encroachments by the garages on Hampden Ave. would cost approximately \$7500.

A cost survey was made after petitions were presented to the Council requesting repaving of both the unpaved and paved sections of the street.

Want Them Condemned  
"In our petition to have Hampden Ave. repaved, we did not ask to have the garages moved back, which is what is inferred in your report," Mrs. Marshall said. "We asked to have them condemned. They are in a residential district, and are being used to house roofing, tinsmith, and construction businesses."

"We cannot understand why the Council has not taken any steps to remedy this situation, and why the Council has not gotten any further in the entire project," Mrs. Marshall added.

Walter A. Fox, president of the Council, said that every phase of the project was being handled as rapidly as possible.

First Mention  
"This is the first mention of any zoning violations in the area that members of the Council have heard," Fox stated.

"We are sorry that everyone of us cannot devote eight hours a day to this individual problem, but there are legal aspects in the matter which must be attended to before any work can be done. Action will be taken immediately to ascertain if there are any zoning violations, and if there are, they will be remedied," Fox stated.

The garages all built in five sets of four individual units each are owned by nearby residents.

Owners of the garages have denied charges, stating that to their knowledge, the garages were being used only to house automobiles.

Works Delayed  
Actual work on improving the road is being delayed pending agreement on costs between representatives of the Council and residents of both Grayling and Hampden Aves.

An agreement has been made for a meeting between Borough Solicitor Henry A. Frye and Roland Flier, attorney for several owners of the garages, for the near future to discuss such an agreement.

Original paving of Hampden Ave. in 1935 by the Borough caused the steep approaches to the garages which are now the chief source of delay.

At that time, the Borough had planned to lay a street which would have had a 30-foot cartway with a 10-foot sidewalk on the West side. These plans were discarded in favor of a 26-foot cartway and no sidewalk, after complaints had been received from owners of the garages.

The owners stated at that time that if the proposed street were laid, it would make access to the garages impossible.

Suit Brought  
Later, suit was brought against the Borough by several residents who charged that the Borough had failed to live up to the original plans for the street. They stated that the narrower street was detrimental to nearby properties.

The court decided in favor of the Borough, and the street was allowed to remain at its present width.

All this previous action will be considered by Borough officials before granting the present petitioners their request for a new 30-foot cartway and four-foot sidewalk over the entire street. This would include paving the section which is now unpaved.

If the repairs are made, two-thirds of the cost of the work will be borne by the property owners, and the Borough will pay the other third.

## LOWER MERION-RADNOR TO CLASH SATURDAY

Ready, Willing and Able

## Dog Club Denied Use Of Field

Action Follows Complaints of Residents

Permission to use the Narberth Playground for a dog show was denied the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club by members of the Narberth Borough Council Monday night.

The request was turned down on the grounds that it would be objectionable to nearby residents.

The dog club, sponsors of the show, which is given for the benefit of the Volunteer Medical Corps of Narberth, requested permission to use the field Sunday, June 8. The program was not scheduled to open until 1 P. M.

A similar affair was held last year, Saturday, June 15. The Medical Corp received \$700.

William P. Davies, chairman of the Property Committee of the Council, reported that after the show last year he had received numerous complaints from residents objecting to the noise.

Davies also stated that in spite of attempts made by officials of the club to leave the field in its original state, it was left in poor condition when the show was over last year.

The Medical Corps is maintained by contributions and subscriptions made by residents of Narberth, as well as outside bequests. The Corps has answered over 400 calls since its inception in 1943, officials stated.

## Help Asked In Speeding

A remedy for speeding through Narberth streets was asked Monday night of the Borough Council by Richard L. Miller, Burgess.

"I have observed many cars speeding through our streets in the morning and in the evening," Miller said, "and I think something should be done about it."

"I have had Borough policemen stationed at several vital points; they have issued warnings to motorists, and have made at least one arrest. 'Speeding must stop; until it does, the lives of all residents are in danger from the speeding cars.'"

Placing of signs and special plainclothes men at street intersections were among the suggestions offered by members of the Council.

Miller said that several residents approached him and offered to pay for signs warning motorists of Borough speed laws.

If such signs are purchased, Miller suggested they be erected first at the intersections of Wynnwood Rd. and Montgomery Ave.; Haverford Rd. and Montgomery Ave.; Narberth Ave., and Haverford Rd., and Narberth and Montgomery Aves.

## New Law for Trees Passed

An ordinance granting the Shade Tree Commission of Narberth wide control over trees was passed Monday night at a meeting of the Borough Council held in Elm Hall.

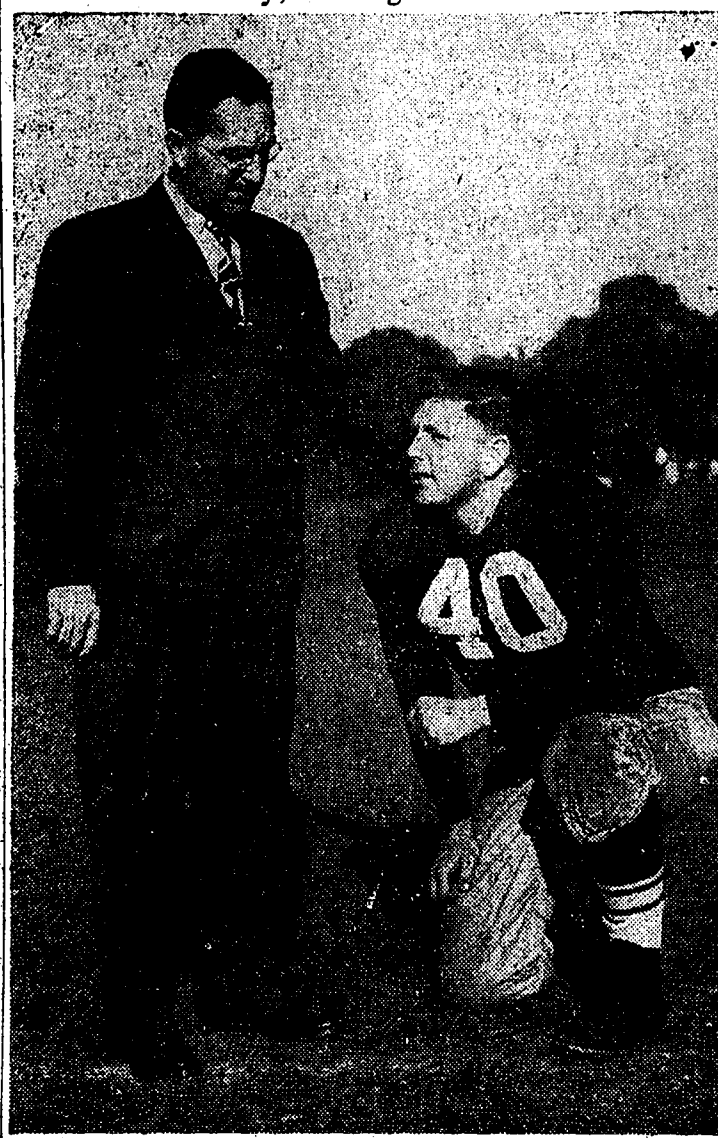
According to the new ordinance, a permit must be obtained from the Commission before any resident can prune, cut or even spray a tree which projects over any part of a public highway.

Permits must also be obtained before any tree is planted, transplanted or removed from the limits of the highway. The permit may be refused if the Commission does not think the tree is suitable to the location.

Costs of planting, transplanting and removing shade trees and the costs of replacing pavements or sidewalks damaged while doing the work will be paid by the property owner.

Shade trees were described in the ordinance as:  
"Any tree on any public highway or any tree or portion of a tree which extends on private property within the lines of any public highway in the borough."

Violators of the ordinance are liable to fines of \$50 for each offense.



LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL football coach, Dick Mattis, gives his son, Charles R. Mattis, Jr., a pre-game word of advice before the annual L. M.-Radnor clash this Saturday. Dick, Jr., a junior at Lower Merion, is a first-string member of the Bulldog team. The two teams will meet in Villanova stadium for the 50th Anniversary game of the traditional classic.

## Forum Discusses Six Topics

Joseph Davison, Head of the Education Department of West Chester State Teachers College, said that teachers' salaries should be increased and maintained at a level high enough to make teaching attractive to young people at a meeting of the Narberth Parent-Teacher's Association held Monday night in the auditorium of the School.

Davison was director of a round table discussion on views of parents toward a modern and practical school program.

Parents On Panel  
The panel, composed of Borough parents, the Rev. Harold D. Flood, Ernest Gorin, Robert Neathery, Mrs. Allison Hartman, Mrs. Willis Ludwig and Mrs. Gilbert MacLaren, discussed religious education, homework, teacher salaries and citizenship.

Pressure on school boards was suggested by Davison as a means of retaining both present staffs and replacements. "In cases where the community cannot afford reasonable salaries," Davison said, "Federal aid can be obtained."

The majority of parents felt that a reasonable amount of homework was required because pupils needed it to become more self-reliant and to learn to accept responsibility.

Homework should be supervised by parents, they decided, but not done by them. The parents offered two suggestions to alleviate the homework "bug-a-boo" to lessen the time required spent on homework, and to secure school help for children. The latter suggestion was offered to aid the children in acquiring good study habits and to encourage them effectively to use school study time.

Homework Eliminated  
Davison stated that he felt that homework could be eliminated for the first six years in school and that when given, it should be properly directed and supervised by both parents and teachers.

One hour per week in school was regarded as sufficient time to devote to religious education. That period should be devoted to denominational teaching, giving the basic principals of Christian faith, it was decided.

It was pointed out by the forum that during the war young people who had the most serious trouble were, for the most part, those who had not had any religious influence in their lives.

During the discussion of citizenship, the forum stressed the fact (Continued on Page 2)

## Sailor Held After Chase

A 31-year-old Ardmore sailor in a stolen car led a Narberth police car on a wild chase Tuesday night.

Narberth policeman August Bailey, sighted a car racing past the Narberth Station and gave chase when the driver did not heed a whistle. At speeds topping sixty miles an hour, the two cars roared through Narberth, Penn Valley, Bala-Cynwyd, and sell Kewtown, who has to move to then through Wynnefield and West Philadelphia.

Heavy traffic at Lancaster Ave. and 52nd St. foiled the "bender" and Bailey collared his man in the shadow of the Philadelphia police station at 50th St. and Lancaster Ave.

The speeder was taken to the Ardmore police station where he identified himself as Edward Marquette, of Anderson Ave., Ardmore, a seaman second class at the Philadelphia Naval Base.

Police said Marquette, a war veteran with service in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, admitted he stole the car from the Auto parking lot on Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. The owner of the car, Walter Holland, of West Conshohocken, didn't know his car had been taken until police told him.

Marquette was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Walter B. Lowmes, Jr., and held on \$1000 bail for the next term of court on a charge of larceny of automobile.

## Parking Violations Hit All Time High In Oct.

A record number of parking violations was recorded during October in Narberth, according to Franklin C. Hutchinson, chairman of the Narberth Council Public Safety Committee.

Hutchinson reported 37 violations at a meeting of the Council Monday night in Elm Hall. Other violations recorded during the past month were: 5 stop sign violations, eight miscellaneous crimes, and three property damage cases.

Also reported was the fact that 61 members of the Narberth Fire Company put out five fires, three of which were in Lower Merion Township, in one hour and 55 minutes.

## 6 Building Permits Issued In October

Six building permits were issued at a cost of \$11, and eight oil burner permits were issued at a cost of \$24 during October, according to report made Monday night by Sterling M. Chain, chairman of the Borough Council Building Committee.

## Match is 50th Game Of Series

Each Team Has Won 20 Games; Nine Ended In Ties

By JACK FORD  
Sports Editor

Lower Merion High, as usual cast in the role of favorite, will encounter Radnor's Red Raiders in their 50th football meeting Saturday afternoon at Villanova Stadium. Beaten only by Ridley Township and Upper Darby, Lower Merion has completed seven victories this season. Radnor, although holding Chester to a scoreless tie, has failed to score a single victory.

Each Has Won 20  
More than 10,000 spectators are expected to jam the Villanova stadium for this renewal of one of the country's most venerable schoolboy rivalries. The series dates back to 1897 and each team has won 20 games.

Nine others ended in ties, so the Main Line foe men are right back where they started from at the turn of the century.

Feeling is running high at both schools and last-minute pep rallies are scheduled to whip enthusiasm to an even higher pitch. Among the celebrities expected to attend this golden anniversary clash will be General Henry (Hap) Arnold, retired chief of the Army Air Forces. A former Gladwyne resident, General Arnold graduated from Lower Merion in 1903.

At stake for the first time will be a trophy donated by the Main Line and Wayne Lions Clubs. Both teams have gone through a long (Continued on page 2)

## Dr. Snyder is Given Dinner

Dr. O. J. Snyder, of Woodbine and Narberth Aves., Narberth, founder of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and an osteopath in Narberth for more than 40 years, was given a surprise dinner Saturday evening in honor of his 80th birthday.

The dinner was given at the College and was attended by more than 200 physicians and friends, who presented Dr. Snyder with a silver tray. Dr. Snyder was president of the college from its founding in 1899 until 1907 when a corporation was formed. Since then he has been a member of the Board of Trustees.

He was president of the State Osteopathic Association for many years, and in 1914 he was elected president of the National Association. Practicing in Narberth since 1904, he retired only last year.

He and his wife have three children: Dr. Joseph Snyder, a practicing osteopath in Washington, D. C.; Dr. James Snyder, of Cape May, a graduate of Hahnemann Hospital, and Mrs. James Bailey, of Penn Valley, wife of the principal of Bryn Mawr Public School, and four grandchildren.

## Five Boro Residents In Brahms Concert

Five Narberth residents will participate in an all-Brahms concert Monday evening, Dec. 2, in the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, to be presented under the auspices of the Bach Festival Society of Philadelphia.

They are: Noble J. and Louise B. Clary, of 39 Narbrook Park; Langdon C. Allen, of Montgomery Court Apartments; Eleanor McClay, of 215 Essex Ave.; and John E. Wray, of 215 Essex Ave.

## NOTICE TO READERS AND ADVERTISERS

Owing to the shortage of newspaper it was necessary to leave out some last-minute news and advertising this week. Because of Thanksgiving Day next week we are going to press one day earlier. Monday noon is the deadline for advertising copy and Monday, 6 p. m., the deadline for news. Will you bear with us during this temporary newspaper shortage?









